



Outreach Notice

**NEPA Planner
GS-0401-11
Kaibab National Forest
North Kaibab Ranger District
Fredonia, Arizona**

Apply by August 2, 2010

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY, the Kaibab National Forest in north central Arizona will soon be filling a NEPA Planner position on the North Kaibab Ranger District in Fredonia, AZ.

Duties: As one of the District Staff Officers on this active District, the NEPA Planner serves as a full member of the District Ranger's primary staff, and serves as the District authority on NEPA, NFMA, FOIA, appeals, and litigation. The District lies on the top of the Kaibab Plateau ½ hour south of Fredonia, Arizona where the District office is located. Our programs include active wildlife habitat enhancement, fuels reduction, vegetation management including potential timber salvage, recreation events, a District wide trail system for hiking, horses, ATV's, mountain bikers and recreation and non-recreation special uses, significant archeological resources, and active grazing allotments.

THE FOREST ITSELF...is one of six National Forests in Arizona, and encompasses 1.6 million acres located on both the north and south sides of Grand Canyon National Park. It's comprised of three Ranger Districts, and the south end of the forest is adjacent to the Coconino and Prescott National Forests. The North Kaibab District is located north of the Colorado River and Grand Canyon NP, while the Supervisor's Office in Williams, AZ and the other two ranger districts lie south of the Colorado River and Grand Canyon NP. The SO and the other two ranger stations are all approximately 4 hours driving time from the North Kaibab Ranger Station. The south end of the forest lies within a 3-hour drive of the metropolitan Phoenix area, and most of the 4-5 million annual visitors to Grand Canyon National Park pass through the forest enroute to that destination.

Almost all of the forest lies within Coconino County, the third-largest county in the U.S., with the county seat located in Flagstaff, AZ. The North Kaibab Ranger District occupies 656,000 acres of

National Forest, largely on the Kaibab Plateau north of Grand Canyon National Park and in some places immediately adjacent to the Grand Canyon. Forests range from beautiful stands of ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, aspen, and spruce/fir interspersed with high meadows (9,000 ft.) on the Plateau to broad expanses of pinyon/juniper woodlands on lower slopes, and red sandstone slickrock in the lowest elevations (4,000 ft.).

Key resource program areas include forest and rangeland vegetation management, fire/fuels, wildlife, recreation, wilderness and heritage resource management. The District's fire/fuels management program includes wildland fire use and management-ignited fire (treating 5,000 to 10,000 acres annually). There is limited but significant wildland-urban interface on the Kaibab Plateau along the major travel routes to Grand Canyon National Park. Fire season generally occurs from mid-May through early to mid-July, with most fires caused by lightning.

The District is home to the largest number of Northern Goshawks in the lower 48 states, a bison herd, California condors, and has an interesting history with Kaibab mule deer and the Grand Canyon National Game Preserve. Key recreation and wilderness areas on the district include the Saddle Mountain and Kanab Creek Wildernesses, the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center, the 18-mile Rainbow Rim Trail along the edge of the Grand Canyon, and the Great Western and Arizona Trails.

THE COMMUNITY ...

The North Kaibab Ranger Station is located in Fredonia, Arizona (200 miles north of Flagstaff, AZ; 200 miles east of Las Vegas, NV; and 80 miles east of St. George, UT). Most district employees live in Fredonia or seven miles north across the state line in Kanab, Utah. Fredonia's population is approximately 1100, offering a rural lifestyle, with K-12 schools, post office, churches (Trinity Church-Assemblies of God, LDS), one restaurant, one small motel, gas stations and a BIG community spirit.

Kanab's population is approximately 5,000 and growing. In addition to its rural life-style, it offers K-12 schools, post office, 2 large grocery stores, many motels and restaurants, a nine-hole golf course, one movie theatre, one playhouse, hospital, a number of churches (New Hope Bible Church, St. Christopher Catholic Church, Jehovah's Witness, United Church of Kanab/Fredonia, LDS), miscellaneous retail stores, community chorus and orchestra, and also a BIG community spirit. Both communities avail themselves of Mohave Community College and Dixie State University course offerings provided locally.

Climate depends on elevation in this country. Summers are generally sunny and hot, ranging from average highs of 90-100 degrees in Fredonia, Kanab and the lower red rock elevations, to a delightful 70-80 degrees in the higher elevations of the forest. The Southwestern monsoon season delivers summer thunderstorms and rain from early July through early September. Winters are mild at the lower elevations (4700 feet) in our communities, with highs in the 30s and 40s, and lows in the teens and 20s. Higher elevations on the forest often see 4 or more feet of snow.

Government housing is not available. Rental houses and apartments are available, but can be difficult to find during spring and summer months, ranging from \$500-1,000/month. Prices for houses vary widely, ranging from \$100,000 to \$225,000 and up...depending on size of home and location. Larger communities such as Page, AZ (90 miles east) and St. George, UT (80 miles west)

offers additional shopping, larger medical facilities, malls and commercial airports for smaller aircraft.

CONTACTS...

Interested applicants or those desiring further information, should contact District Ranger Tim Short at (tshort@fs.fed.us) or (928) 643-8130.

APPLICATION PROCESS ...

The NEPA Planner position is being advertised through AVUE under open continuous recruitment (OCR). Current federal employees with career or career-conditional status who are interested must apply to announcement number PERM-OCR-0401-11-NEPA-G. All other interested applicants must apply to PERM-OCR-0401-11-NEPA-DP. Announcements are easily accessed through www.usajobs.opm.gov. As indicated, carefully review each vacancy announcement.

Please ensure you select the correct location (Fredonia, AZ) when applying for this specific position.

As stated in each announcement, NARRATIVE RESPONSES ARE REQUIRED. Your narrative responses must contain accurate and sufficient information that clearly supports your levels selected for all of the questions. If you exaggerate or falsify your experience, education and/or your responses to questions, your ratings can/will be changed, or you may be removed from employment consideration.

All applicants must apply by no later than August 2, 2010. Referral lists for this position will be requested the week of August 3, 2010.